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B.C. looks to help hot dogs in cars

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Province holds consultations on possible legislation

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The provincial government may consider legislative changes to clamp down on dogs being left in hot cars.

B.C. Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick announced the ministry will embark on consultations with the BC SPCA, B.C. College of Veterinarians, municipalities and police to increase the options to rescue animals suffering from heat-related distress.

Letnik told Metro there have been in excess of 1,200 reports of dogs being left in hot cars this year, which is already higher than the approximately 1,100 reports made in all of 2014.

"The number of reports is up. Having animals in distress is not something the government, or any British Columbian, wants to happen," said Letnik.

"People that need to get the message that it's not acceptable to be cruel to their animals are not getting the message."

The province says B.C. already has the harshest penalties in Canada under its Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, which carries a maximum fine of $75,000 and two years imprisonment.

But, "government has recognized that regrettably, these measures are not enough to stop British Columbians from putting their pets at risk by leaving them in cars," the ministry concedes in a statement.

Letnik said the public is also welcome to make recommendations to the ministry.

He said consultations will take place this summer and fall so that any new changes and measures are introduced and in effect by next year's hot season.

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Confusion ensues after Bon Jovi concert cancelled

STANLEY PARK

Promoter says show is back on for thousands of ticket holders

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Paper Rain Performances is still livin' on a prayer that Jon Bon Jovi will perform in Vancouver this weekend.

The Vancouver-based concert producer sent an email Tuesday to about 7,200 fans who purchased tickets to see Jon Bon Jovi and the Kings of Suburbia play Stanley Park on Saturday, informing them that the show is back on one day after news broke that the band's highly anticipated concert had been cancelled.

"Jon Bon Jovi will be coming to Vancouver on Aug. 22 to honour all of the ticket holders disappointed by yesterday's postponement of the Stanley Park concert," the email reads.

The only problem? The concert is a small, private acoustic performance that Bon Jovi is playing for only 175 fan-club members, and it is not open to other ticket holders.

Tiffany Shipp, a spokeswoman for Bon Jovi Tours, confirmed Tuesday that Saturday's concert will be only for customers who paid up to $1,995 US each to see the band as part of a three-day travel package put together by Runaway Tours, a company owned by Bon Jovi.

Jon Bon Jovi is still performing in Vancouver after all — but only for a very select few, according to band management. GETTY IMAGES

Despite several firm statements that the concert is not for the public, however, Dennis MacDonald, president of Paper Rain Performances, told Metro he remains hopeful Bon Jovi will still put on a public concert on Saturday.

In a phone interview Tuesday, MacDonald confirmed his company had sent an email Tuesday to all its ticket holders about Bon Jovi's performance on Saturday.

"We sent out an email basically congratulating Jon for doing that because we think it's an incredibly brilliant and noble thing for him to do," he said. "He's already been paid an enormous amount of money so for him to come up here and do the show — everything is in place, the music is in place, the lights, the sound, the stage, the set, everything — for him to come up and do it, I can't imagine Jon will come up and do it simply for his tiny little fan club."

MacDonald said he was unaware of the statements indicating otherwise. He said the band's management told him in an email early Tuesday that the public concert was still happening.

"I can see how everyone is confused. We're confused," he said. "We don't know whether they're going to recognize all the outstanding tickets here. We're hopeful that they are."

MacDonald said the company's lawyers are in discussions, trying to figure out how to process refunds.

"This is not something that we had anticipated ever having to deal with," he said. "All I can say is that we're trying our damndest to get it figured out really quickly."

Still, many ticket holders expressed frustration Tuesday about the contradictory messages from the band and the concert promoter, and the lack of information about refunds.

Lisa Wartur, who spent $109 on her ticket from Paper Rain Performances, said she is hopeful she will be refunded. If she isn't refunded within 15 days, she said her bank advised her it would dispute the charge.

Wartur, who works as a publicist, said she was shocked and disappointed that the concert promoter hadn't even posted a statement on the company's website to inform ticket holders the event was cancelled.

"Even if the concert was postponed, I've really lost trust in them," she said. "I think I would pass up seeing Bon Jovi because I really don't trust them."

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Vancouver ranked 3rd most liveable city

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The Economist Intelligence Unit has once more confirmed what Vancouverites already know: the west-coast city is Canada's most liveable.

Vancouver placed third in the British magazine's annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities, edging out both Toronto (4) and Calgary (5) by less than a percentage point.

Melbourne, Australia, and Vienna, Austria, topped the list. The top three haven't budged since 2011 when Vancouver dropped from first place, with the Economist infamously blaming traffic on the Malahat Highway on Vancouver Island for the downgrade.

What did change this year, however, was an overall decline in the stability of cities around the world, according to the report released Tuesday.

Terrorist attacks in France and Tunisa and war in Ukraine have deleterious effects on rankings for many European cities in a point system based on stability, health care, culture, environment, education and infrastructure.

Damascus, Syria, and Dhaka, Bangladesh, earned spots at the very bottom of the list.

Cities that consistently achieve high rankings tend to be mid-sized in rich countries with low population density.

The report doesn't say why Vancouver beat Toronto and Calgary, though weather is one of the factors.

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UBC

Chairman denies muzzling professor

Matt Kieltyka
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The University of British Columbia's chairman has denied allegations he interfered with a professor's academic freedom.

John Montalbano issued a statement Tuesday in response to gender and diversity professor Jennifer Berdahl's allegation of "institutional pressure to be silent" after being confronted about a blog post. In the post, she suggests university president Arvind Gupta's sudden resignation earlier this month was because he "lost the masculinity contest among the leadership at UBC."

> **At no time did I ask the professor to retract any of her blog and at no time did I threaten her funding.**
> UBC chair John Montalbano

The alleged violation of academic freedom, coupled with the lack of disclosure surrounding the circumstances of Gupta's resignation, resulted in the UBC Faculty Association announcing this week it had lost confidence in Montalbano as chairman of the school's board of governors.

Montalbano said he "will continue to serve" as chairman and that he is "deeply concerned" with the way his interaction with Berdahl has been portrayed.

"At no time did I ask the professor to retract any of her blog and at no time did I threaten her funding," he said. "In fact, I reinforced that her funding would continue. At no time did I intend to impinge her academic freedom." He said he will fully co-operate with an investigation if Berdahl chooses to make a formal grievance request.

IN BRIEF

Suspected drive-by shooting in Abbotsford sends man to hospital

Police in Abbotsford are investigating a suspected drive-by shooting that sent a 23-year-old man to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The case began around 8:35 p.m. when police received reports of gunshots in the 30700 block of Sandpiper Drive.

When officers arrived, they found shell casings on the road but no sign of any vehicles or homes being struck. A local hospital informed police that a 23-year-old man had just arrived with a gunshot wound to his leg.

Investigators believe he was the victim of a shooting that involved at least one vehicle. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Alberta family's camping trip turns tragic after girl, 12, drowns in B.C. lake

Police say a 12-year-old Calgary girl drowned in a British Columbia lake while walking in shallow water.

RCMP say she was on a sandbar at Osoyoos Lake when waves caused her to lose her footing and slip into the water. The girl's friend tried to help her, but she went under.

Police say the girl, who was camping at Haynes Point Provincial Park with her family, could not swim and was not wearing a lifejacket. Boaters, the RCMP and firefighters searched the area and found her body in three metres of water about 40 minutes later, but she could not be resuscitated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UBC's 'brainy mice' study may help treat dementia

HEALTH

Findings from mutation to a single gene 'very exciting'

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

While it's still too early for human clinical trials, the lead researcher says the findings' implications could be vast . GETTY IMAGES

Scientists at the University of British Columbia have created unusually intelligent mice by causing a mutation to a single gene, a discovery they say holds potential for the development of treatments for people with dementia.

While the research is far from reaching human clinical trials, Dr. Alexander McGirr, a medical resident in UBC's department of psychiatry who led the study, said the findings could one day help treat patients with Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders, and could even help prevent post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, in patients before symptoms emerge.

"It's a very exciting finding," McGirr told Metro. "I think we're quite a ways off from it being directly relevant to human dementia … but this is a promising new target that we should be looking at for drug development."

In the study, researchers identified a gene that codes for an important protein in the brain, called the phosphodiesterase-4B, or PDE4B, enzyme. They found that mice with the PDE4B mutation performed surprisingly well on many memory and problem-solving tasks.

"These mice were so much smarter on every cognitive test we did with them," he said. "For instance, they were able to remember where they had already been in a maze, find a platform hidden under water."

McGirr said even when the researchers created some tasks that are impossible for normal mice, the "brainy mice" continued to perform "exceptionally well."

> **These mice were so much smarter on every cognitive test we did with them. For example, they were able to remember where they had already been in a maze.**
> Dr. Alexander McGirr, UBC

"We even did other things like social tests," he said. "They were able to remember groups of mice that they had already met, and they were more interested in the novel mice than the familial mice."

However, researchers were also surprised to find the PDE4B mice didn't seem to be afraid of cat urine, which normal mice naturally avoid. McGirr said the finding highlights a need for caution in developing medicines that target the gene in humans.

"If you affect a protein that has so many different functions, you have to be careful of what the many, multiple ramifications might be," he said.

The study was published this week in the journal Neuropsychopharmacology.

SITE C

Permits for dam contested

Two northeastern British Columbia First Nations will suffer "irreparable harm" if thousands of hectares of old-growth forest are cleared to build the Site C dam, their lawyer says.

John Gailus told B.C. Supreme Court that a stop-work order should be issued to halt the first phase of the nearly $9-billion hydroelectric project from proceeding along the Peace River.

He said the Crown granted permits for the preparatory phase of construction without consulting with the West Moberly and Peace River First Nations, which are members of the Treaty 8 Tribal Alliance.

"The Crown truncated their consultation and issued the permits to meet an arbitrary timeline imposed by BC Hydro, we say, contrary to both its contractual obligations and its constitutional obligations," Gailus said Tuesday.

The injunction application comes as the First Nations wait for both B.C. Supreme Court and Federal Court to deliver decisions on a judicial review aimed at quashing the hydroelectric project entirely.

The provincial government granted approval in July for the first of seven construction phases, although the work hasn't yet started.

Court heard the permits authorize the clearing of more than 1,600 hectares of forest, equivalent to about 4,500 truckloads of timber, along the south bank of the Peace River.

Construction of new access roads and bridges, expansion of quarries and removal of beaver dams, eagle nests and the alteration of 163 archeological sites — which may include burial sites — was also authorized, Gailus said.

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ECONOMY

Port posts minor boost in business

Business at Vancouver's port is ticking along despite the sluggish economy and a drop demand for coal.

Port Metro Vancouver posted a 1.5 per cent increase in cargo as of mid-year 2015, according to statistics released Tuesday.

That's a slower increase than previous periods, but port CEO Robin Silvester said it's positive news.

"Given what we hear about the economy being a bit soft, I think we're seeing surprisingly strong volumes through the port," Silvester said.

Increased grain and potash exports buoyed by the soft Canadian dollar and extra business from U.S. ports plagued by labour problems helped balance declines in crude oil and thermal coal shipments, he said.

It's been especially challenging for thermal coal (demand for steelmaking coal is more stable) due to China's slowing economy and shift away from burning coal for energy, which Silvester described as a good thing.

"At the end of the day, the thermal coal is a medium-term, not a long-term, thing as the world moves to other sources of energy," he said.

Regardless of thermal coal's future, Fraser Surrey Docks is still going through the process to build a terminal to load thermal coal onto ocean-going vessels to ship to Asia.

The public comment period for the project will end shortly.

As for non-natural resources, there was a jump in demand for Asian automobiles.

Cruise ship volumes are predicted to remain stable at about 800,000 passengers this year.

The season will extend to December for the first time with a cruise departing for Hawaii.

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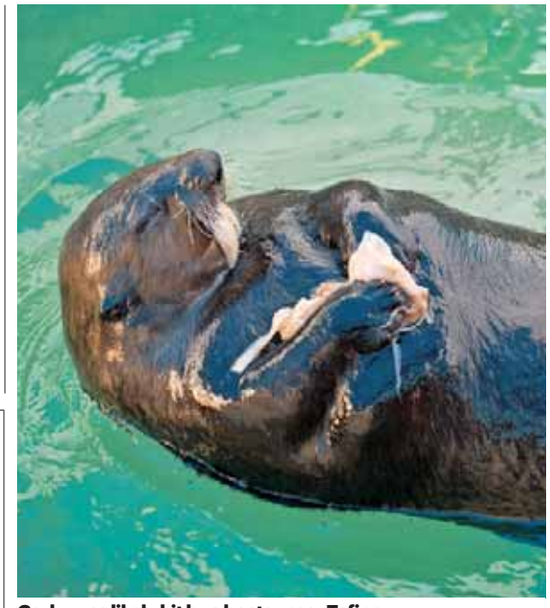

Corky was likely hit by a boater near Tofino. CONTRIBUTED

Injured sea otter rescued

WILDLIFE

Animal recovering at Vancouver Aquarium

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

An adult male sea otter that was likely hit by a boat near Tofino last week is now recovering from a collapsed lung at the Vancouver Aquarium's rescue centre.

The rescue crew caught the sea otter with a net and transported him to Vancouver on Thursday after he was spotted floating, looking very bloated and unable to dive near Vargas Island.

Head veterinarian Dr. Martin Haulena said in a statement that the otter — the scientists decided to call him Corky in reference to how he was floating — suffered a fractured rib and collapsed lung that caused subcutaneous emphysema, or air trapped underneath his skin. The injuries appear to be from blunt force trauma, likely caused by a boat.

"The real problem for this guy was because of the excess air, he couldn't dive or forage and would have starved," Haulena said.

The vets are giving the otter regular meals and medication.

They're also checking for any conditions that would have made it easier for a boat to hit Corky, including algal toxicity or an infection.

"We're doing everything we can to ensure he has the best chance for a successful rehabilitation for the eventual release back into local waters," Haulena said.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Orca Airways, Tofino Coast Guard, B.C. Ferries and the Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society all helped in the rescue.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has the final say on whether Corky will ever be released into the wild.

IN BRIEF

Coroners inquest to be held on hospital patients' deaths

A coroners inquest will be held to examine the deaths of three patients who died shortly after leaving an Abbotsford hospital.

The B.C. Coroners Service says each of them had been admitted to Abbotsford Regional Hospital for mental health issues a few days before their deaths.

Thirty-year-old Brian Geisheimer of Maple Ridge died in Mission on Dec. 28, 2014. The other two patients, from Abbotsford, died separately on April 26.

Nineteen-year-old Sebastien Abdi died at his family home, while 41-year-old Sarah Charles died near her apartment building. An inquest is slated to begin next May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigators seek info after devastating blaze

ENVIRONMENT

Wildfire likely had human origins, officials say

Days after a wildfire destroyed 30 homes in southeast British Columbia, rumoured video of a tossed cigarette that sparked the fire hasn't been found.

The Forests Ministry said Tuesday that investigators have reviewed the nearest highway camera in Rock Creek, about two kilometres from the spot where the fire broke out.

Ministry spokeswoman Vivian Thomas said a B.C. Wildfire Service investigator spoke to a resident who reported the existence of a video but no footage has been located.

"No one has come forward with a video related to how the Rock Creek fire was started," Thomas said.

She said anyone with information, photos or video should contact the wildfire service or the RCMP.

Fire information officer Mike McCulley said the video is "a rumour, as far as we can tell."

"There's no video at this time. We have investigators working with the RCMP and they are actively pursuing any leads they can find so we can try to resolve this issue."

He said investigators have not determined that a cigarette sparked the 37-square kilometre blaze but it is likely human-caused.

"That's something that is unacceptable," he said. "We need the public to pay really close attention to what they're doing out there.

The remains of a fence outside a burned-down residence along Highway 3 in Rock Creek Sunday. The fire was sparked Thursday, Aug. 13 and tore through 37 square kilometres. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

"We have to have our resources available for lightning-caused fires and you can see the tragedy that happens when preventable human-caused fires occur."

The Rock Creek fire was sparked last Thursday just north of the junction of highways 3 and 33.

An evacuation order remains for 137 homes, down from 333 last week, but the aggressive fire still has not been contained.

> **There's no video at this time. We have investigators working with the RCMP and they are actively pursuing any leads they can find so we can try to resolve this issue.** Mike McCulley, fire information officer

Premier Christy Clark was asked about a possible video during a news conference Sunday outside an evacuation centre in nearby Midway.

She said she didn't know if any footage existed but if an individual is found to have caused the devastating blaze, they will face consequences.

Clark called for tougher penalties for people who start wildfires.

Currently, the maximum fine for tossing a cigarette is $173, but anyone found to have caused a fire may be ordered to pay firefighting costs.

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UBC

Election stock market now open

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

A university-run election stock market that has a knack for accurately predicting results is back in time for Canada's federal election.

The University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business' Prediction Markets is the only election stock market in Canada and allows participants to purchase and trade "shares" in political parties using real money based on who they feel will win the popular vote, how seats will be distributed, whether there will be a majority government and other categories.

And because engaged traders are constantly keeping tabs on local races, major milestones and buying and selling stocks based on rapidly developing information, associate professor Werner Antweiler said UBC's election stock market has predicted the result of every federal election since 1993 at least as accurately as leading polls.

"It shows that the markets are a very effective way of trading information," Antweiler said of the exercise, which also generates a wealth of academic data on markets, trader behaviour and predictive markets for researchers.

The fact that 2015's election seems to be a legitimate three-party race for control of the country should make for a much more interesting and dynamic market, Antweiler said.

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Reporters heckled

ELECTION 2015

Journalists' line of questioning angers Harper supporters

A few Conservative supporters took to shouting down reporters' questions to Stephen Harper Tuesday, apparently angry the journalists continued to ask questions about the continuing criminal trial of Senator Mike Duffy.

Hecklers booed and cried "shame" when journalists used a few of their daily "allotment" of five questions to Harper on the Duffy trial, where Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, is on the stand.

The hecklers demanded the journalists ask about the issue at hand: a piece of legislation introduced by the Conservatives in March, which would be their top public safety priority if re-elected.

One shouted to the journalists that they should ask questions about seniors.

Harper, for his part, attempted to quiet the supporters down and dealt with the questions asked of him.

Outside the event, one man who refused to identify himself called a reporter "lying piece of s–t" and accused her of cheating on her taxes.

"Duffy made a bit of cheating on his tax return, and you're turning it into an issue," the man yelled in footage posted online by CBC.

"It's not a deal; it's a nothing. Harper doesn't read income tax forms, you idiot. It's done by the people in the tax department."

It's not clear where the man got the idea that the Senate spending scandal had anything to do with income tax or the tax department, also known as the Canada Revenue Agency. The man was escorted away by security, directing reporters to "stuff" themselves.

Kory Tenycke, a spokesman for the Conservatives re-election campaign, apologized for the incident and said supporters would be reminded of appropriate decorum at future events. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

During a campaign stop in Etobicoke, Ont., on Tuesday, advocates of the Progressive Conservative Party sharply attempted to steer media away from inquiries about the criminal trial of Sen. Mike Duffy. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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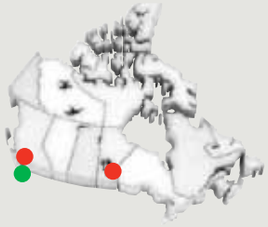

- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Winnipeg to make an announcement and then in Vancouver to do the same.
- **Elizabeth May** will be greeting commuters in Saanich, B.C.

Itineraries for Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair were unavailable.

DUFFY TRIAL

Former PMO lawyer contradicts Harper

Testimony at the trial of Sen. Mike Duffy has put Stephen Harper's right-hand man smack in the centre of the scandal, contradicting the Conservative campaign's assurances.

Ray Novak, Harper's chief of staff and current campaign director, was in touch right up until the call of the federal election with Nigel Wright — the ex-chief of staff whom Harper has repeatedly held responsible for the scandal.

And court heard that Novak has been in the loop from the very beginning on the behind-the-scenes machinations that eventually led to Wright's departure from the Prime Minister's Office and some of the charges laid against Duffy.

That version of events directly contradicts what the Conservative campaign told reporters late last week — that Novak was not aware.

The information emerged during Duffy's trial on fraud, breach of trust and bribery charges.

Defence lawyer Donald Bayne read out an interview conducted by the RCMP with former PMO lawyer Benjamin Perrin in February 2014.

Donald Bayne. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Perrin told the RCMP investigator that it was "black and white" that Novak was told that former chief of staff Wright would foot the $90,000 bill for Duffy's contested expenses.

"I believe that Ray Novak was in the room at that time," Perrin said in a transcript that was read out in court Tuesday by Bayne.

"The people who from my own personal knowledge knew about this was, obviously, Nigel Wright, Ray Novak, we've gone through that, and David van Hemmen, Nigel Wright's assistant." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Lobsters go north as ocean warms up

The U.S. lobster population has crashed to the lowest levels on record in southern New England region while climbing to heights never before seen in the cold waters off Maine and other northern reaches — a geographic shift that scientists attribute in large part to the warming of the ocean.

The trend is driving lobstermen in Connecticut and Rhode Island out of business, ending a centuries-old way of life.

The public isn't seeing much difference in price or availability, since the overall supply of lobsters is pretty much steady.

But because of the importance of lobsters to New England's economy, history and identity, the northward shift stands as a sad example of how climate change may be altering the natural range of many animals and plants.

"It's a shame," said Jason McNamee, chief of marine resource management for Rhode Island's Division of Fish and Wildlife. "It's such a traditional, historical fishery."

In 2013, the number of adult lobsters in New England south of Cape Cod slid to about 10 million, just one-fifth the total in the late 1990s, according to a report this month by regulators.

The declines are "largely in response to adverse environmental conditions, including increasing water temperatures over the last 15 years," along with continued fishing, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission said.

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There were a total of 10 million lobsters in New England south of Cape Cod in 2013, one-fifth the total in the late 1990s, regulators say.

In northern New England, meanwhile, lobsters are booming. The population in the Gulf of Maine and farther out to sea has reached record highs, more than doubling to about 250 million adult lobsters since the mid-1990s, the report said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bomb suspect filmed

THAILAND

Video shows man leaving backpack at crowded shrine

In the grainy security video, a man in a yellow shirt sits on a bench at the crowded Erawan Shrine, removes a backpack he is wearing, and leaves it behind when he walks away.

For police hunting who was responsible for Monday's deadly bombing in central Bangkok, there was no doubt about the man with youthful shaggy dark hair and glasses.

"The yellow shirt guy is not just the suspect. He is the bomber," police spokesman Lt. Gen. Prawut Thavornsiri told The Associated Press.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha called the shrine bombing near a busy intersection that killed 20 and wounded more than 100 "the worst incident that has ever happened in Thailand," and he promised to track down those responsible.

A man lights a candle near the scene in Bangkok where 20 people lost their lives Monday. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"There have been minor bombs or just noise, but this time they aimed for innocent lives," Prayuth said. "They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."

Bangkok was rattled again Tuesday when another pipe bomb blew up at the Sathorn Pier, which is used by tourists, although no one was hurt.

Prawut released several photos of the man, with and without the backpack, on social media. The images were apparently taken from closed-circuit video at the shrine before the bomb exploded.

Video posted separately on Thai media appeared to show the same man sitting on a bench at the shrine, taking off the backpack and leaving it behind as he walked away.

The man on video identified as a suspect. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Without elaborating, the prime minister said: "Today we have seen the closed-circuit footage, we saw some suspects, but it wasn't clear. We have to find them first."

The bomb, which police say was made from a pipe and weighed 3 kilograms, went off around 7 p.m. in an upscale area filled with tourists, office workers and shoppers. No one has claimed responsibility.

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Canadian upstart steps into Apple Watch's turf

TECHNOLOGY

Nymi develops wristband with security linked to heartbeat

Strapping your wallet, house keys and a database of passwords onto your wrist would make life a lot easier, and one Canadian company has created a way to link all of that information with an extra level of security tied to your heartbeat.

Nymi is one of the latest entrants to the crowded wearables market, which is dominated by the hype of the Apple Watch and a wide selection of fitness trackers.

> **Wearable technology was just starting to bloom**
> Karl Martin

The Toronto-based company has created a wristband that operates like a virtual key that you wear on your wrist.

Sensing the electrical activity of its user's heart, the device can be used for a variety of functions, like logging onto your computer using a password, paying with your credit card at the checkout or opening your car door. Once you take it off your wrist, the device deactivates until you slip it on again and its sensors detect your heartbeat.

Nymi co-founder Karl Martin says when he started the company in 2011, under the name Bionym, wearables were mostly still just an idea among developers.

Martin was working as a researcher at the University of Toronto, where he was digging into the possibilities of biometric technology alongside a colleague. But their idea was too fresh for many companies to get behind, so they decided to take the project solo.

"Wearable technology was just starting to bloom," he said. "It was sort of like the stars were aligning."

Over the past year, Nymi has been tested on the arms of a small group of Canadians.

The company partnered with Royal Bank on the RBC PayBand last fall, a pilot project designed to give banking clients more payment options.

Nymi rolled out a larger test earlier this summer by equipping about 100 TD Bank customers in Toronto, Ottawa and Regina with the wristband.

Other banks are expected to join the experiment in the coming months, but it could still be a while before consumers get their hands on a Nymi band.

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Co-founder Karl Martin shows off the device at his company's office in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTERNET

Google building smarter router

Google is making a Wi-Fi router as part of its ambition to provide better Internet connections that make it easier for people to access its digital services and see more of its online advertising.

Pre-orders for the $199 US wireless router, called OnHub, can be made beginning Tuesday at Google's online store, Amazon.com and Walmart.com. The device will go on sale in stores in the U.S. and Canada in late August or early September.

Google is touting the cylinder-shaped OnHub as a leap ahead in a neglected part of technology.

The Mountain View, Calif., company is promising its wireless router will be sleeker, more reliable, more secure and easier to use than other long-established alternatives made by the Arris Group, Netgear, Apple and other hardware specialists. Google teamed up with networking device maker TP-Link to build OnHub.

OnHub also will adapt to the evolving needs of its owners because its software will be regularly updated to unlock new features, according to Trond Wuellner, a Google Inc. product manager. The concept is similar to the automatic software upgrades the company makes to its Chrome browser and personal computers running on its Chrome operating system.

The new router represents the latest phase in Google's mission to make it easier for people to be online.

Besides dispatching Internet-beaming balloons and drones to parts of the world without much online access, Google also has been trying to lower the cost and accelerate the speeds of the connections in more advanced countries such as the U.S. The goal has already hatched Google Fiber, an ultra-fast Internet service.

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ELECTRONICS

Toshiba to add outside directors after scandal

Japanese energy and electronics giant Toshiba Corp. says it expects to book a loss in the current fiscal year and is beefing up its management standards after an investigation found extensive problems with its accounting and corporate governance.

The company said Tuesday that it plans to add more outside directors to help ensure stricter oversight. The newly organized board is to have 11 members, seven of whom will be outside directors.

A probe found underreporting of project costs and losses in many divisions in a scandal that prompted the resignations of former company President Hisao Tanaka and two other top executives.

Toshiba plans to revise its earnings by $1.2 billion US or more to correct the mistakes.

The report by the investigation committee into the accounting problems outlined many instances of company officials underreporting costs, delaying reports of losses and other abuses including "channel stuffing," or inflating sales figures by putting more products into a distribution channel than it can sell.

In many cases it attributed the missteps to worries that upper management would not accept the losses and to lax internal controls. No charges have been filed related to the problems, which date back at least six years.

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IN BRIEF

Ikea recalls nightlights
Swedish retailer Ikea is taking all of its 442,000 Patrull nightlights off the market because the cover of the light can detach, creating a risk of electrical shock. The Consumer Product Safety Commission advises consumers to stop using the product and contact the company for a refund. The agency says the dome shaped said a child in Austria who was trying to take the light out of an outlet suffered an electric shock and a minor hand injury when the cover came off.

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THE QUESTION

Is there a politically neutral way to compliment someone on the street or at work?

Dear Ellen,
Is there a politically neutral way to compliment someone's appearance on the street or at work?
Viktor in Vancouver

Dear Viktor,

This is an excellent question for our changing times and one that applies to all sexes, genders, orientations and age groups. But let's start with examples from the heterosexual arena.

There once was a day — or a few millennia, I guess — when men could lasciviously slaver over unaccompanied women in public. I have no doubt that in ancient Rome, local lads harassed vulnerable ladies with such witty comments as "Show me your pectorum," or "Hey, baby, let's fornicari." Such behaviour may have been deemed crass but it was accepted as absolutely normal in patriarchal societies where a female without a male "owner" in public was seen as fair game for sexual comment, or worse.

Sadly, such attitudes are still rampant. At least now, sexually charged verbal assault is increasingly being identified for what it is: a hateful abuse of power.

Equally sadly, the rude pigs who yell at women on the street, along with the slimeballs who intimidate their female staff with sexual innuendo at work, have ruined it for the truly nice men out there who simply do want to pay a polite compliment.

Note that there is *not* a fine line between "You look great today" and "I'd like to shove you up against a wall" — but things have become so freighted, with a new awareness of rape culture and its accompanying political-correctness-on-steroids. The casual compliment has gone the way of the dodo (much like my phraseology, but never mind).

There is not a fine line between "You look great today" and "I'd like to shove you up against a wall."

If you are tempted to compliment a stranger or coworker, here are some simple guidelines.

If you are a straight man, and you want to compliment a woman on the street or at work, try it out on a man first: "Hey buddy, I like your hair!" or "Man, you look fierce in those jeans!" If that seems creepy and inappropriate, it's probably creepy and inappropriate to say to a woman, too.

If you're gay and you want to compliment a person of the same sex, the male-female power dynamic may be less of an issue. But you are still strongly advised to comment only if, a) The subject of your compliment is not a subordinate in the workplace hierarchy, and b) You live in a large, cosmopolitan city where tossing out same-sex compliments in public won't get you killed.

If you are a young person, straight or gay, and the person you want to compliment is older, it may be safe. In fact, there's something ineffably gallant about a young person who, with the merest complimentary hint, can acknowledge the vitality of an older person. To do so, however, will require a level of finesse few people possess.

First, the compliment must be tempered by whether or not they share your sexual orientation. (If you don't understand this, don't bother reading any further; you clearly don't have the finesse, so just skip to the end.) Second, your compliment must indicate that, while they are attractive, you as a young person would never presume yourself to be an eligible partner (unless you were contemporaries, of compatible sexual orientations, in another era, in which case you'd unquestionably find them irresistible). Third, you have to mean it. A false or patronizing "compliment" will invite only contempt.

The best rule might be to avoid personal comments in public or at work altogether. Instead, shower them where they'll be most appreciated — on family, friends and lovers.

Need advice?
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I let a baby roll off a porch. Will I ever be ready for parenting?

I let the baby fall off the porch.

It was the latest encounter with little humans that left me convinced: I'm not ready for one of those.

I'd like to say it wasn't my fault. The 11-month-old can't walk or crawl. She scooches around on her diaper-clad bum, pulling herself with pudgy little arms, but she's surprisingly swift.

We were on the wide sunny porch of the cabin, which thankfully only rises two steps above the grass.

I was on watch duty, a low-grade job that involves the odd directional adjustment to her slide. Someone gave a sharp yell at the dog. I looked up, and she went over the edge.

She wasn't hurt but she was devastated. And so, in a way, was I.

A 29-year-old woman should be able to keep a baby from tumbling off a deck.

Then there were her equally adorable brothers, seven and four years of age, who had a lot more mobility and a lot more energy. A relative outsider (they are my second cousins), I watched a family of six adults trade off activities like book reading, soccer, sailing, tubing and making sure the boys ate their dinner.

I joined in with a bit of tag and swimming, some banter about favourite foods. But I didn't feel the pull to teach them a card game. I don't really like soccer. I was glad to read my book and fry eggs for my keep, keeping mostly to myself. Baby/child encounters seem to end this way, with relief that I remain childless.

My sister, for years a nanny, has managed to still want children.

"It definitely fluctuates," she said. "Sometimes when I'm at the pool and all these screaming kids are splashing and kicking around me, I hate them. And then when I spend time with my friends who have kids or are expecting, it makes me feel excited about the idea of doing that myself."

That is the irony of the young city-dwelling woman. Kids sound nice, but not right now. She's pressing on with her career, travelling and eating gourmet tacos. She's volunteering with an underground magazine or literary events. She's buying a house or worrying about affording one. She's cooking for friends. She's bringing the wine.

The clock is ticking. My ovaries should be kicking. But kids remain in the somewhat distant future, where, I'm banking, a hidden need will emerge and indifference will become yearning.

Because right now, nothing makes me take birth control more seriously than other people's children.

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Snack on this! Scooby-Doo is coming back to the big screen

5 NEW TV SERIES TO WATCH RIGHT NOW

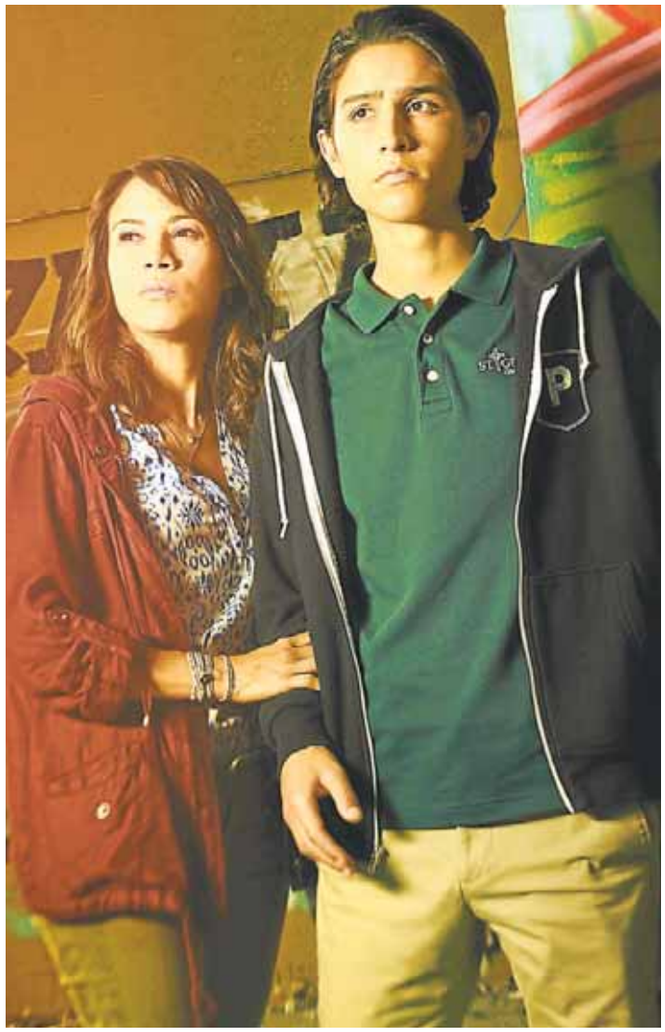
Couch potato season is almost upon us. As TV junkies, we're excited about the fall television schedule kicking off next month with its promising new shows as well as the return of several favourites. But if you need a fresh TV fix to tide you over until September, August offers up some brand spankin' new gems that should do the trick BRIAN GASPAREK/FOR METRO

1 The Carmichael Show

Popular standup comedian and goofy Neighbors star Jerrod Carmichael launches his highly anticipated new sitcom The Carmichael Show on NBC this month. The show revolves around Carmichael's relationship with his girlfriend and fictional family with a cast that includes Loretta Devine and David Alan Grier as his parents. The half-hour risqué comedy has potential to be TV's next big sitcom hit. But at the very least, let's just hope it's better than Mr. Robinson. **Aug. 26**

2 Narcos

Netflix's new series to binge-watch for August is Narcos, a cool-looking drama about the Medellin cocaine cartel run by Pablo Escobar in the '80s and the DEA's attempts to take him down. It should be incredibly intense, excellent and far better than Vinnie Chase's take on Medellin in Entourage. **Aug. 28**



3 Spinoff to watch: Fear The Walking Dead

A show as massively popular as The Walking Dead most definitely needs a spinoff, and this month we're getting it.

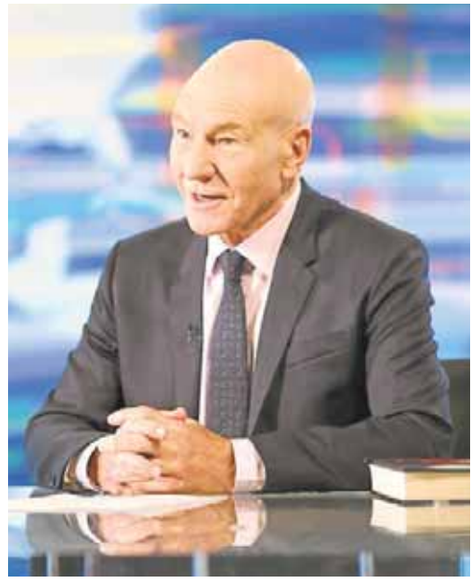
On Aug. 23, AMC is set to premiere Fear The Walking Dead. The show will act as a prequel (or "companion series") to The Walking Dead, and looks just as spooky and zombie-filled.

The show takes place in L.A. and revolves around a divorced schoolteacher, his fiancée and her kids as they experience the early stages of the zombie apocalypse — you know, the same time that Rick was in his coma.

It's said that Fear The Walking Dead will focus closely on telling the story of a family unit and the problems they face as the collapse of civilization approaches. Obviously you can't miss it. **Aug. 23**

4 Blunt Talk

Blunt Talk may very well be the best new show premiering this month. Produced by Seth McFarlane and starring Patrick Stewart, the comedy sitcom follows the misadventures of a misguided, degenerate Brit newscaster (Stewart) who moves to L.A. hoping to conquer American cable with his new nightly show. The series features a solid supporting cast that includes Richard Lewis, Ed Begley Jr., Jason Schwartzman and Jacki Weaver. It looks crass and hilarious and is already signed on for two seasons. **Aug. 22**



5 Documentary Now!

How could you not watch a spoof mockumentary mini series created by Fred Armisen, Bill Hader and Seth Meyers that is hosted Dame Helen Mirren? You just know it's going to be hilarious. IFC's Documentary Now! aims to spoof celebrated docs by parodying them with similar fictitious subjects. The first episode spoofs VICE News' hipster docs. **Aug. 20**

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MINISERIES

NIMBY fear and a 'parable of race'

Oscar Isaac as Nick Wasicsko and Carla Quevedo as Nay Noe in David Simon's latest project Show Me a Hero. CONTRIBUTED

Writer David Simon has long been fascinated by what makes cities tick. Whether examining drug crime in Baltimore on The Wire or the music scene of New Orleans in Treme, he may be TV's foremost chronicler of urban life. It's fitting, then, that his latest project is Show Me a Hero, a miniseries on HBO that depicts the fight of Yonkers' white residents in the 1980s to prevent racial integration despite a court mandate to build low-income housing in white neighbourhoods.

Based on a book of the same name, the story follows the youthful mayor of Yonkers, Nick Wasicsko, played by Oscar Isaac, who attempts to abide by the mandate despite the extensive opposition. Winona Ryder co-stars as Vinni Restiano, a Yonkers city councillor. Paul Haggis, director of Oscar winner Crash, directed the six-part miniseries, which debuted Sunday at 9 p.m.

The series traces the lives of the elected officials and everyday citizens who were involved in the city's desegregation troubles. Speaking at the red carpet premiere for the show, Simon said he felt author Lisa Belkin's story was "a great way of using the parable of race through this one moment in time."

When asked if his character is the titular hero, Isaac replied, "I think the point is that there is no hero. There's only people trying to survive and do the right thing."

Carla Quevedo, who plays the wife of the mayor, Nay Noe Wasicsko, described her character as "naive" at the beginning but also the only one who's truly supportive of her husband. Real-life Nay Wasicsko, who attended the screening, was "confident that (Carla) had nailed (her)."

Simon made it clear the show could not be more relevant. "The same exact battle, same rhetoric, same demagoguery, same fears being elicited about...sharing society with the other" are happening, exactly like in the show, he said. "There's either going to be two Americas or there's not."

> **There's either going to be two Americas or there's not.**
> Writer David Simon

"If we don't learn how to live together in America and the world, there's going to be nothing left. We're just going to kill each other," said LaTanya Richardson Jackson, who plays Norma O'Neal, a nurse suffering from health issues who lives in one of the rougher segregated neighbourhoods in the series.

And Quevedo thinks programming like Show Me a Hero is a vital part of healing those wounds, saying, "It's not only great f–ing television...This part of history needed to be told."

Richardson Jackson, who was accompanied by husband Samuel L. Jackson to the screening, had high praise for the series as well, described working on the show as, "everything to me...Paul and David are top drawer."

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Living a life online: Felicia Day tells all

INTERNET

Day discusses #gamergate and why it pays to be yourself

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York City

Felicia Day says a #gamergate attack against her privacy was "a very hurtful incident." HANDOUT

Felicia Day is the Internet personified. She takes what, for most people, would be a simple cursory search online for an oddball obsession to the next level: IRL. And Day is open to trying pretty much anything, which she proves time and time again on her YouTube series The Flog. Just this season, she's attempted pole dancing, fencing and neon sign making.

With 1.4 million YouTube subscribers, the gamer, actress (Buffy The Vampire Slayer; Supernatural), writer and producer, Day has a fanbase that expands across multiple mediums. But her new memoir, You're Never Weird On The Internet (Almost) is the first time she's shared her story, thus far, in its entirety.

"I think it's a normal human impulse to want to connect with people and growing up I was homeschooled, which didn't allow me to connect with a lot of people in the real world," Day tells us of why she looked online to make friends. "As far as I remember, technology was a vehicle for meeting people and sharing my enthusiasm about something."

A lot of Day's personal interests, like gaming, comics and math, aren't thought of as "girly," but she says the support she's found online has made up for the sexism she's faced in real life.

"There's a lot of pressure to conform to the cliché of what we look like, and that's why the Internet is an amazing place because it's really about your personality," she says. "I think it's a beautiful thing to counter the expectations of people either based on your gender or race, standing up and saying, 'you're ill-informed.'"

Of course the Internet hasn't always been warm and fuzzy for her.

Last year, Day's personal information, including her address, was released online in an attack known as #gamergate, subjecting her to being the target of stalkers.

"It was a very hurtful incident in my life and not just personally, but because I love gaming and I love spreading the love of gaming," she says. "That's not my world of gaming. I know wonderful people through it and I would hate for someone to be dissuaded from being a part of the gaming world because of that incident. It's very sad."

There is a whole chapter in the book devoted to #gamergate, where Day describes what it was like for her, something she hopes others will learn from. In fact, she hopes her memoir as a whole will spread positivity and inspire readers to be their own authentic weird selves.

"Our uniqueness is what we have to offer to the world," she says. "Your weirdness is your superpower and you shouldn't give up your superpower just because other people tell you to. That's the worst plot for a superhero movie."

TV BRIEF

Colbert to appear in special

The Entertainment Industry Foundation has announced a live, one-hour special on Sept. 11 as part of its Think It Up education initiative, according to Variety.

Stephen Colbert, Scarlett Johansson, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Matthew McConaughey are just some of the celebrities who are expected to perform. The special will air on all four U.S. broadcast networks. AFP

REALITY SHOW

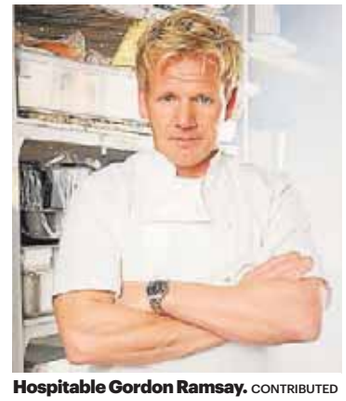
Ramsay goes to Hotel Hell again

Fox's reality TV series Hotel Hell has been renewed for a third season, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The followup comes almost a year after the series wrapped its second season, and just after chef and hospitality aficionado Gordon Ramsay signed a two-year deal to remain at Fox.

The series features Ramsay's attempts to revive struggling hotels at their worst. The reality show is set to begin casting for the upcoming season on HotelHellCasting.com.

Hotel Hell joins Ramsay's other ventures — programs MasterChef, MasterChef Jr and Hell's Kitchen. AFP



Hospitable Gordon Ramsay. CONTRIBUTED

Actor Emile Hirsch in court Monday. The 30-year-old will spend 15 days in jail, pay a $4,750 fine and do 50 hours of community service. RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hirsch pleads guilty to assault

CRIME

Actor dragged exec across a table, put her in chokehold

Actor Emile Hirsch began serving 15 days in a Utah jail after pleading guilty to misdemeanour assault for putting a female studio executive in a chokehold and body-slamming her at a nightclub during the Sundance Film Festival.

The Into the Wild star told a judge Monday that he was sorry and was learning to take responsibility for his actions, saying he has no excuse for what happened Jan. 25 at Tao Nightclub in Park City. But the victim said Hirsch's punishment should have been tougher.

Hirsch was intoxicated and taking medications when he dragged the woman across a table, according to police and prosecutors.

"I know it was completely wrong and reckless and irresponsible," said Hirsch, 30.

Hirsch's deal with prosecutors also calls for a $4,750 fine and 50 hours of community service. In exchange, a more serious felony assault charge was dropped and the misdemeanour will be dismissed if he completes his sentence.

Daniele Bernfeld, an executive for the Paramount Pictures subsidiary Insurge Pictures, said in a statement read in court that the violent and unprovoked attack has caused long-lasting effects beyond physical injuries.

"It took two people to pull him off me, and if not for their intervention, the attack would have continued," she said. "I thought I was going to die.

"If a violent attack in front of a roomful of witnesses can be labelled a misdemeanour and dismissed, what of women who are assaulted while alone in hallways or bathrooms, or behind the closed doors of their own homes?" Bernfeld said in a statement sent by attorney Don Etra. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAYLOR SWIFT

Harris and Malik duke it out on Twitter

Lisa Weidenfeld
For Metro

On Monday night, Calvin Harris got into a bit of a Twitter spat with former One Directioner Zayn Malik after he thought Zayn was saying something negative about his No. 1 special lady, Taylor Swift.

That beef calmed down pretty quickly, with Harris even generously telling Zayn he had a great voice. But the eagle-eyed research team at E! News points out this isn't the first time Harris got into a spat on Twitter. In 2011, he and noted Taylor Swift nemesis Katy Perry got into it on Twitter over him pulling out of her show, and he also once insulted the songwriting abilities of Lady Gaga, who called him out on Twitter about it back in 2012.

These people need to just pick up the phone and call each other.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Kourtney wants a rich old man

It's hard to get back out there after your ex-partner goes on a giant bender and starts hooking up with randos, but Kourtney Kardashian is ready to get back out there. A "source close to" Kourtney very kindly shared this news with Radar Online, saying she "is devoted to getting her body in rocking shape."

Jeez, you didn't need to imply she was fat, anonymous Kourtney friend. Oh, and if you're wondering what it takes to win her eye, she is reportedly looking for a "man that has children of his own" who "doesn't drink" and who is "older than her and independently wealthy." Rich old dudes, it's finally your time to shine! Rich old dudes always have such a hard time finding love with much younger, beautiful women.

LISA WEIDENFELD/FOR METRO

Kurt Cobain track released

A previously unreleased song from Kurt Cobain has appeared online, found in the end credits of the new cut of Brett Morgan's Montage of Heck, reports NME.com. The track — whose only decipherable lyrics are "I'm a bad man" — is believed to be from 1991. In the song, Cobain's voice sounds far away against the guitar riffs, except for one portion in which the Nirvana frontman can be heard screaming in falsetto.

The soundtrack for Montage of Heck will be released on Nov. 6, the same day as the DVD release, and will indeed feature never before heard music from Cobain. AFP

STUDY

Don't blame the condoms for erectile disfunction: Study

Erection difficulties are a common complaint from condom users, yet a recent study says condoms are not to blame and that more education is needed about proper condom use.

Working with 479 heterosexual male condom users between the ages of 18 and 24, the research team concluded that those who said the condoms gave them erection trouble likely were experiencing generalized erection difficulties.

One third of participants, they say, were not familiar with proper condom use and they propose psychosexual therapy or educational information to those who complain of condom-associated erection troubles.

"Condom-associated erection problems have been a very under-researched topic," says co-author Dr. Cynthia Graham. "Increasing evidence suggests, however, that they may influence whether condoms are used correctly or from start to finish of sex."

The study was published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine. AFP

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RECIPE HOMEMADE MELON AND PINEAPPLE FRUIT SLUSHIES

One of our favourite ways to beat the heat at the end of summer is to turn some of the season's abundant produce into beautiful, delicious frozen fruit slushies. It's fun and easy to get creative. Not only can you experiment with different fruits and juices, you also can get fancy (or fanciful) with the glasses and bowls (though clear glass is almost mandatory) you serve them in.

Start to finish: 4 hours (20 minutes active)
Servings: 6

- 1 cup cubed honeydew melon
- 3/4 cup apple juice, divided
- 6 tablespoons honey, divided
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup cubed cantaloupe melon
- 1 cup cubed pineapple

1. In a blender, combine honeydew melon, 1/4 cup apple juice, 2 tablespoons of the honey and a small pinch of salt. Blend until smooth.

2. Spoon the mixture into 6 glasses, filling each about a quarter to a third of the way full. Freeze for 30 minutes. Repeat the blending and layering process with the cantaloupe, using another 1/4 cup of apple juice, 2 tablespoons of honey and a small pinch of salt. Freeze for another 30 minutes.

3. Finally, blend the pineapple with the remaining apple juice, honey and a pinch of salt. Add the third layer to the glasses. Freeze until desired slushiness, about 2 hours.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 per cent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 55 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrate; 1 g fibre; 27 g sugar; 1 g protein. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell
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When it comes to alcohol, there's more to life than alcohol. Case in point: the radler.

The original radler recipe, invented in Germany in the early 1900s, was a 50/50 mix of sparkling lemonade and lager beer. A cousin of the English shandy, its watered-down booze ratio proved a non-potent potable for active Germans looking to wet their whistle along the local bike trails.

Switch to modern day and the radler is having its place in the sun this summer with classic pre-mixed European models fighting for shelf space with their Canadian-made competition. Grapefruit juice is the star of many, with Austria's Stiegl Grapefruit Radler (500ml, $2.70-$3.49), at 2.5 percent, a citrusy thirst-quencher and Rickard's Radler (473ml, $2.88-$3.49) from Molson, at 3.5 percent, equally as warm weather friendly.

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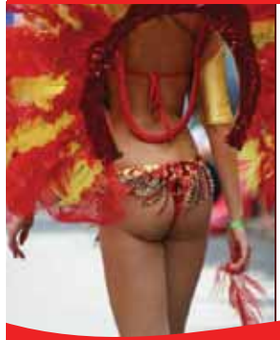

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Pretty gets more penny when it comes to coffee

RESEARCH

Foam-art latte perceived as better: Study

NUTRI-BITES

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Will you pay more for pretty?

I pay for my hair, nails and clothes to present my best self to the world. Curb appeal sells a house as do stainless steel appliances that function exactly the same as plain white ones. What about the swirly picture in your latte? Is that worth a buck more per cup?

A study published in the Journal of Sensory Studies says you will not only pay for it, but that you are likely to perceive it as better. The results "clearly demonstrated that people will pay significantly more for a coffee with latte art." Apparently there is also a preferred shape. We like round shapes over angular ones when it comes to our coffee art.

The benefits of coffee are numerous: High in health-promoting antioxidants, liver protective, can lower risk of diabetes, enhances mood, energy and performance and may prevent Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

But we also seem to seem to drink it for comfort and visual cues help. Just for fun, tweet me a photo of your favourite latte design shape. Let's test the theory. @theresaalbert, @metronews.

French champion of latte art Rudy Dupuy prepares a creation. JEAN-CHRISTOPHE MAGNENET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SCIENCE

Drinking coffee could prevent colon cancer's return
Drinking four or more cups of caffeinated coffee daily may significantly reduce the chance that colon cancer will return in patients who were diagnosed with stage 3 of the disease, a study said Monday. Researchers found that the greatest benefit was seen in those who drank four or more cups of coffee a day, for about 460 milligrams of caffeine. AFP

TECHNOLOGY

Six things you need to know about the veggies NASA grew in space

Hadley Boltres
Metro | New York

Astronauts have for the first time tasted food grown in space. Monday, on board the International Space Station, three American crew members, Kjell Lindgren, Kimiya Yui, and Scott Kelly, took bites of the freshly "space"-grown red romaine lettuce. Here are the six things you need to know about the "giant leaf for mankind" possible, according to NASA.

A variety of lettuce called Outredgeous grows inside in a prototype Veggie flight pillow. GIOIA MASSA/NASA

1 How did it taste?
The veggie tasted like arugula, according to astronaut Scott Kelly. A choice word given the Brits call it rocket. "Tastes good," concluded Kelly.

2 Key players?
Orbital Technologies Corp. based in Madison, Wisc. developed the technology and then tested it at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Then on May 7, NASA astronauts and Expedition 39 flight engineers Steve Swanson and Rick Mastracci installed Project "Veggie" on the Columbus module. Astronaut Scott Kelly activated the seeds July 8, a year after they entered orbit.

3 What happened?
First, LED lights were turned on inside Veggie and the seeds were watered inside growth pockets, called "pillows." The pillows contain fertilizer which is released at different times. The growth cycle should be 28 days, but it took 33 days to grow the romaine lettuce in space.

4 How did it work?
In the absence of gravity, the lettuce would still grow towards the light, so LED lights were placed above the pillows. Without gravity, roots still grow towards the sources of nutrients.

5 What does this mean ?
Dr. Gioia Massa foresees that long-term exploration missions will use this technology, so astronauts can enjoy fresh veggies. Also, astronauts won't just be stuck with red romaine lettuce. Veggie can be used for many types of plants that grow up rather than in the ground.

6 What is still unknown?
It's still not 100 per cent clear that the lettuce is safe. The astronauts that sampled the red lettuce are fine but scientists at the Kennedy Space Center hope to verify it. They have installed a similar system there to continue tests.

metro DRIVE

Your essential daily news

Apple is scouting test locations for its top-secret self-driving electric car, the Guardian reports

Lighter weight, heavy-duty work

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FORD F-150

THE BASICS

Type. Two- or four-door full-size pickup truck
Engine (hp/torque). 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6 (325/375); 3.5-litre V6 (282/253); 3.5-litre Eco-Boost V6 (365/420); 5.0-litre V8 (385/387)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. Base $24,899, as-tested $55,099 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Locking box cleat storage system
- Twin-panel sunroof
- Capless fuel filler
- Trailer sway control
- Trailer mileage tracker
- Crash-inflatable rear seatbelts
- Mirror-mounted spotlights

JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The F-150's available LED headlights are an industry first on a pickup truck.
- With its aluminum body and more high-strength steel, the 2015 F-150 weighs up to 317 kg less than last year's model.
- The redesigned tailgate step makes it easier to slide cargo across the lowered tailgate.
- Higher gears can be "locked out" when towing, to improve driving performance on steep grades.

MARKET POSITION

It's yet to be seen how repair costs or long-term maintenance are going to affect Ford's new all-aluminum body, but expect to see more lightweight materials throughout the segment as automakers scramble to meet fuel standards.

THE COMPETITION

Chevrolet Silverado
Base price: $27,950

Ram 1500
Base price: $28,595

Toyota Tundra
Base price: $27,820

REVIEW

Ford F-150 rides smoothly, but consider needs when deciding on engines

Jil McIntosh
Metro | Canada

After having Canada's best-selling truck for several decades, Ford took a bit of a risk with its all-new 2015 F-150. While the frame is made of high-strength steel, the body is entirely formed of aluminum.

The reason was primarily to save weight, which comes with a few advantages. One is fuel consumption, since the heavier something is, the more it takes to move it around, while another is capability. Towing and payload numbers are a combination of the weight of the truck, the trailer, and whatever's being carried. Make the truck lighter, and the load can be heavier. To that end, the F-150 has a top towing capacity of 12,200 lbs.

That lighter weight also allows for the all-new engine that was in my tester, a 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6 engine. The EcoBoost name indicates that it's turbocharged, which gives it smaller-engine fuel economy under light load, but bigger-engine power when it's needed. You can also get a 3.5-litre V6 EcoBoost, or choice of non-turbo 3.5-litre V6 or 5.0-litre V8.

It's a smooth performer and it hauled around my SuperCrew tester with ease, but consider your needs before you decide to put one under the hood. Under everyday driving, it returned an impressive 13.0 L/100 km for me, but the EcoBoost engines get thirsty when they're working hard. That extra fuel could easily balance out if you only tow or haul occasionally, but if you're constantly pulling, I'd suggest looking at the non-turbo engines.

Overall, Ford has done a good job on this truck: It rides and drives smoothly, and responds quickly enough to wheel input that it feels smaller than it actually is. The redesigned interior is handsome, but not quite as impressive as some of its competitors. Trim lines run from a basic work truck with a bench seat, to seriously luxurious models like the King Ranch and Platinum. Everybody makes a very good truck these days, and Ford has a lot of competition, but it's still likely that this all-new model will remain at the top of the pack for a while.

> **The EcoBoost engines get thirsty when they're working hard.**

TECHNOLOGY

Mojio looking to make a connection with drivers

Mojio Drive is the latest platform and marketplace for apps and services that can make potentially any car a connected car. However, it is launching at a time when connected car hacks are rarely out of the headlines.

Every vehicle built within the last 20 years has an on-board diagnostics (OBD) port. It's used by mechanics and serving technicians to check on a car's health and to identify potential mechanical or electronics issues.

But the OBD port can also be used by insurance companies and disruptive tech startups to offer new features and services, and since 2012, Mojio has been developing an OBD dongle that, when plugged in, connects with the driver's smartphone to offer diagnostics and other information such as fuel economy. But that is just the start.

"We know that drivers want their cars to be more like their smartphones. There are at least as many connected car use cases as there are app developers, and so an open platform for building apps is essential to giving people what they want," said Jay Giraud, CEO of Mojio.

The Mojio 3G+GPS OBD adapter. MOJIO

"With more than 800 developers using Mojio's open platform creating apps and services that span the entire automotive market — from vehicle maintenance apps to data-driven auto insurance services — Mojio is at the forefront of the connected car economy enabling drivers to save hundreds of dollars per year."

Mojio is by no means the only company trying to unlock the potential of connected cars. Automatic, which also makes an adapter for the OBD port, launched its own connected car app store in May, the Automatic App Gallery.

But as coverage of car hacking continues, consumers may well think twice before installing something in their cars that enhances connectivity — even if many of the services, such as remote vehicle tracking and real-time fuel economy and greener driving tips, could be hugely beneficial to the average driver in terms of reduced running costs and repair bills. AFP

THE CORVETTE THAT WAS HACKED

Adapters and their supporting apps are arriving at a time when the threat of hackers to smarter, more connected cars is in the news. One example involves researchers from the University of California at San Diego, a smartphone, a Chevrolet Corvette and the car's OBD port. By sending a text message to an OBD dongle, the researchers were able to apply the Corvette's brakes and to turn on its windshield wipers.

Rise of Hyundai and Kia by design

CREATIVITY

Time for other automakers to take heed of the Schreyer factor

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz

The Hyundai Vision G coupe, which recently debuted at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, Calif., attempts to convey luxury by eschewing glaring luxury bits in favour of simplicity and elegant lines. Inset: Peter Schreyer, chief designer for Hyundai and Kia. COURTESY HYUNDAI

Back in 2005 or so, Hyundai Motor Group identified that "design" would be necessary for the next stage of growth for both its Hyundai and Kia brands.

So in 2006, the automaker hired a hotshot designer named Peter Schreyer.

Born in Germany, Schreyer made his name at VW and Audi. His work there, and subsequently at Hyundai and Kia, has brought him many accolades. Many consider him to be the most successful and talented designer working today.

Bob Lutz, once GM's vice-president of global product development and now a vocal critic of the industry, recently wrote that, thanks to Schreyer, the automaker's designs are consistently better than its competitors, and are why Hyundai and Kia continue to grow.

With all brands making such high standards of quality and features, Lutz notes that design has moved up to be the top differentiator.

"If I were running a major car company, I would poach him at whatever the cost," added Lutz. "If he said he makes $1.5 million, I'd offer him $3 million."

Lutz feels designers now have the most impact on an automaker's success and should be compensated as such, even if they make more than the CEO.

It's not a new concept for creative types to be at the absolute top of the pay scale. Star athletes make more than their coaches. Star film directors make more than studio heads. Kanye West makes more than, well, everybody.

Lutz wonders if other automakers have taken heed of the Schreyer factor at Hyundai-Kia, and will further prioritize design talent, and be willing to pay considerably more for it than they are now.

In the meantime, let's take a quick look at the latest creation emanating from Peter Schreyer and his team: The Hyundai Vision G coupe, which debuted at last weekend's Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, Calif.

Though not officially earmarked as a possible two-door version of the Hyundai Genesis, that's most likely what it is, considering the "G" designation, and the Genesis 5.0-litre V8 under its hood.

It's an interesting challenge to make a vehicle in the premium segment that is not packing a premium badge, but Schreyer and his team approached the challenge in their typical "atypical" way.

"The design is our interpretation of the idea that Hyundai breathes into all of its vehicles — DNA that balances design and performance with the idea that you don't need to be over the top in terms of glitz and stereotypical luxury cues," said Schreyer in a statement. "Vision G is purposefully understated, despite its size and dramatic lines."

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London awaits first electric double-decker

The world's first purpose-built pure electric double-decker bus will enter passenger service in London in October. London Mayor Boris Johnson says it will be the first of many to come. The city bought its first hybrid bus in 2009, and today has more than 1,300 in service. Automaker BYD of China helped resolve the issue of fitting in enough batteries to adequately power a double-decker bus.

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Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

WASTE REDUCTION

Volt batteries get extended life

General Motors is finding new ways to repurpose used batteries from its first-generation Chevrolet Volt extended-range electric car, one of which includes using five of them to keep the lights on at GM's Enterprise Data Center in Michigan. "Even after the battery has reached the end of its useful (mobile) life ... up to 80 per cent of its storage capacity remains," an official said. The batteries can also provide backup power to the building for four hours in the event of an outage and stores that energy when not needed.

MAKING RECORD-SETTING TIME

Electric cars dominate Pikes Peak Hill Climb
With immediate and virtually endless torque, and with no aversion to thin air and its attendant lack of oxygen, electric-powered cars placed first and second overall at the 2015 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb in Colorado in late June.

The winning car was a purpose-built eO PP3 from engineering firm Drive eO of Latvia and driven by longtime Pikes Peak competitor Rhys Millen of California.

His finishing time of 9:07:222 set a new electric-car record and was this year's quickest time.

While it's the first time an electric car has outright won America's second-oldest major auto race (after the Indy 500), it wasn't the fastest-ever run to the mountain's 4,300-metre summit. That's still held by a gasoline-powered internal combustion engine.

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FUEL ECONOMY

A longer, lighter Cruze

Sharing significant exterior design cues with its Volt and Malibu siblings, the 2016 Chevrolet Cruze still looks much like the concept previewed in China last year, if not a bit sportier. It has more than improved looks, says General Motors; it's more aerodynamic, bringing "drag" to new lows. And despite being three inches longer than the current Cruze, it is up to 110 kilograms lighter overall, depending on options ordered. The new body structure includes more lightweight, high-strength steel, responsible for 24 kilograms in weight savings; a further 20 kilograms are lost through a new aluminum 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine. A standard across-the-line stop/start system will further help improve fuel efficiency.

Knowing what you're getting is key for used cars

BEST WAY TO BUY

Lease returns are the smart strategy, expert says

Jason Menard
For Metro

The best way to buy a used car is less about what you buy — we all have differences in preferences and risk tolerance — and more about where you buy.

There are so many ways to buy a used car — from perusing Kijiji to working with new car dealers. Knowing what you're getting is key and that starts with knowing who owned your car previously. One of the most secure ways to do that is through taking advantage of lease returns.

"Here's a way to improve your odds — go for a lease return," explained George Iny, the director of the Automotive Protection Agency. "That's a forced turn-in; it's not someone who is saying, 'I don't want to deal with these problems.'

"If the lease return has under 100,000 km, it's still covered by warranty."

And, without a doubt, make sure that a qualified, independent, third-party reviewer is engaged to look at your potential purchase.

"People are pound foolish," Iny said. "They won't spend the $120 to get a car inspected, but the first thing they'll do is go out and buy a set of rubber floor mats for $80."

Avoiding the curbsiders and focusing on reputable, registered dealers is a great start. The APA allows you to search for dealers (and offers other benefits through a membership). And the Vehicle Sales Authority of British Columbia is responsible for licensing dealers in the province.

"We have 1,400 licensed dealers in the province. 900 independent used dealers — anything from the garage selling a handful of cars a year to large dealerships," explained Doug Longhurst, director of sales and learning for the BC VSA. "From the first greeter on the lot to the sales person at the end, everyone has to be certified."

You can never be 100 per cent certain when buying a car, but you can stack the odds in your favour.

"If you're going to buy a lease return with a Car Proof at a reputable dealer, you have better odds," Iny said. "At that point 80 per cent of their major concerns are addressed. The other 20 per cent are tires and breaks, which should be recognized by an inspector."

That doesn't mean private selling should be 100 per cent discounted. Iny said there are options that may work a little closer to home.

"Some people don't like it, but I believe it is worthwhile buying at work," he said. "If you work at a hospital and someone is selling a car who legitimately works at the hospital, then you've got a history and a connection. You know where they are and they're not going to disappear."

But what about family? Often conflict comes not through malice, but through miscommunication and bad judgement.

"Family is a little risky. Often an older relation will sell you a vehicle and they'll probably tell you it's good. There may be problems and they just weren't aware," he said. "The issue with family can be bad communication.

"You take some things on faith — it's your Aunt Bea."

Buying used isn't about what you buy, but where. SHUTTERSTOCK

How to get the right deal? Be realistic

Doing the right research and asking the right questions will help you negotiate the best deal. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Getting the right deal on a used car comes from a combination of factors, ranging from doing proper research, using the resources and organizations at hand, and being realistic about what the "right" deal actually is.

"It is equally important for consumers to have realistic expectations. Used cars are less expensive than new cars because they are used. Some wear and tear must be expected and factored into your considerations," explained Ken McCormack, president and CEO of the Automotive Retailers Association. "Today, there are plenty of resources out there for you to educate yourself and make informed decisions. Doing the right research, asking the right questions and knowing what you can afford will give you the confidence to negotiate the best deal."

For many people, getting the right deal can be less about what they're not getting and more a concern about what they may be buying.

"The number one thing that concerns people about buying a used car is that they're worried about buying somebody else's problem," George Iny, director, the Automobile Protection Agency explained, adding that one of the best ways to get the right deal is to be realistic about what your options are.

"Don't be a price junkie. Some advice columns and sites say to bargain like crazy. I think that's terrible advice," Iny said. "The best advice is that the seller knows what they're selling — if they're selling for below market value, run!"

Cheaper isn't always better. And often there's a reason why cars are being sold below market.

"We looked for a Honda Fit using mystery shoppers. We found 25 Fits for sale. We called or visited the seven cheapest. They ranged between $8-9000 to $15,000 — in those days they hadn't been out that long," Iny said. "The cheapest seven had all been rebuilt wrecks or had a history of problems."

Going online, comparison shopping, and finding a realistic price — not too high and not too low — is the key to getting the right deal. And, more importantly, to getting the right vehicle.

"According to research 60 per cent of car shoppers experience negative emotions when it comes to negotiating a deal and 51 per cent are confused when setting out a budget. Doing your research and understanding your budget will give you the confidence you need to negotiate the right deal," McCormack explained.

"Too many consumers come into the dealership with the wrong approach. Most consumers focus solely on price and brand. Trying too hard to find a bargain when a vehicle is already well priced may cause you to avoid buying the best car simply because the dealer is not offering a big enough discount.

"If the car has a good history, is priced well and is backed with a mechanical inspection it may be a good deal. The object is not to beat up the sales person but to secure the best car at a fair price that works within your budget."

Time to take it for a test drive

GET A FEEL FOR IT

What you're looking for when trying out the ride

Jason Menard
For Metro

It's long been a cherished part of the car-buying process — the test drive. That first moment behind the wheel of your potential new ride; that moment where, for many, the decision to buy is either made or broken.

But what can you really tell from a test drive? And what should you be looking for?

"After you've done your research and selected your car, you'll want to take it for a test drive. Be prepared," explained Ken McCormack, president and CEO of the Automotive Retailers Association. "Take a pen and paper with you to take notes and bring along a camera or mobile phone to take pictures. Get a feel for the car before you leave the lot. Learn about the controls and vehicle options so you are not distracted while driving. Decide which options are important to you.

"Then plan your route. If you are not familiar with the area your salesperson may suggest a route. The important thing is that you get a chance to drive the vehicle as would normally."

So what are you looking for?

"Basically, the car should start stop and steer without jerkiness or vibrations. Rubbing noises, clicking, or humming should be investigated. Warning lights are a clear indication that the vehicle may be unsafe or needs service," McCormack added. "If you have any questions that your salesperson cannot answer then it is always a good idea to have a third-party, qualified mechanic conduct a safety inspection."

However, unless you're a qualified mechanic, George Iny, the director of the Automobile Protection Agency, said he feels test drives may give you a false sense of security and hope.

"In general, they're useless. The salesperson is usually with you," Iny said.

Instead, Iny recommends renting a similar model and testing it out over a longer period of time, over familiar territories and anticipated driving conditions.

"I believe in renting. Try and get a similar model. This year's Ford Focus isn't much different than the ones that came last year or the year before, so rent the vehicle and test it out," he said. "A test drive may help you find out if you don't like how it feels or where you're sitting. A test drive won't tell you if it's a good or bad car.

"You could test the air conditioning, but they've likely just recharged it – it's not going to tell you if it's still working a couple of months down the road."

And even those minor inconveniences may not be dealbreakers.

"During a test drive you may find you don't like how you're sitting," Iny said. "But after driving it for two or three weeks, you'll get used to it and you won't even notice."

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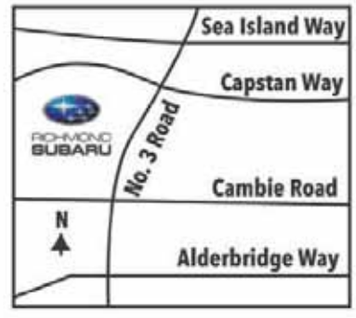

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Buying a car, for most of us, is a stressful activity. We're aware of our limitations and knowledge. Most of us aren't conversant in the minutiae of automotive maintenance — and with the rapid technological advances in cars these days, it's hard to keep up even if we wanted to. So how can you protect yourself?

By taking steps to know not only what you're buying, but from whom you're buying. And that means raising your voice and asking tough questions.

"It's prudent, if buying privately, not to be shy," explained George Iny, director, the Automobile Protection Agency. "Ask if it's the original owner who is selling the car. If it's a curbside dealer, with questionable integrity, they're going to be vague, 'I bought it around…' or 'I think it was in…' A real owner knows exactly how long they've had the car."

It's also important to ask for proper documentation. In BC, Car Proof reports have proven to be extremely effective at identifying even minor, cosmetic changes to vehicles. A competent vehicle inspection by a reputable third-party inspector is good. And at the very least, demanding a vehicle inspection with all of the items checked off can help indemnify you if you find there are any problems after the fact.

"If you're not going to ask for a vehicle inspection done by a third party, then ask the seller for a written inspection form — it's usually 30 or 40 check marks — and have it attached to the bill of sale," Iny said. "It's a little bit of judo or karate — you're using your opponent's energy against them. That way, if something goes wrong, you have this documentation on-hand that you can come back with and say, 'You checked that this was in working order.'"

It doesn't have to be adversarial and most reputable sellers will be happy to provide that. Simply ask, "Can I see the inspection form and ask to have it included in the documentation," Iny said.

The consumer protections afforded through purchasing a certified vehicle through a licensed dealer also can assist, explained Doug Longhurst, director of sales and learning for the Vehicle Sales Authority of British Columbia. These are things you will not receive buying from a fly-by-night curbsider.

"It's another reason to go to a licensed dealer," he said. "As part of the transaction, when something goes wrong at least you have consumer protection."

And make sure you know where your car comes from. Cross-jurisdiction purchases can make it challenging to follow any damage that may have occurred. "It demands more scrutiny, especially if it comes from another jurisdiction," Iny said. "We saw this in cars from Alberta that were sold in British Columbia — they were wrecks in Alberta."

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Caps building around Morales the magician

MLS

Designated player signed to a multi-year extension

Cam Tucker
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The Vancouver Whitecaps believe Pedro Morales still has the magic and they showed that by re-signing the star midfielder to a multi-year contract extension.

The local Major League Soccer club announced the new deal for Morales, often described as a magician in the midfield, on Tuesday prior to training at UBC. Already with designated-player status, Morales will make $1.41 million this year, according to the MLS Players Union.

"We're trying to build," said Robinson.

"We don't want to lose our top players. We've done that before and it hurts, so we're going to try and make sure that doesn't happen and … Pedro will be the first of a couple we'll try and tie down."

> **"Pedro will be the first of a couple we'll try and tie down.**
> Carl Robinson

The new deal comes just days after Morales scored an absolute beauty of a free kick against Sporting Kansas City on the weekend.

A calf injury has interrupted a good portion of the season since the beginning of June for Morales, but he's been used a number of times as a substitute coming off the bench these past few weeks, as his fitness has improved.

In his first season with Vancouver, Morales scored 10 goals and had 12 assists, despite signs of fatigue toward the end of the year, but he's been off that pace in 2015 with only five goals and four assists.

However, two of those goals have come in the last three games, including Saturday's heartbreaking 4-3 loss to Kansas City.

Morales admitted he's capable of contributing more, especially now that he's back from injury.

The Morales acquisition is one of the chief signings of the Carl Robinson era in Vancouver, which is into its second season.

After a playoff appearance last year, the Whitecaps have continued to build on their progress, challenging right now for top spot in the MLS Western Conference, while most of the Robinson moves, which have brought in quite a Latin flavour into the club, have worked out nicely.

With Morales healthy, getting him into the starting lineup is the next biggest challenge, especially with the solid play of midfielder Nicolas Mezquida.

Midfielder Pedro Morales has tallied five goals and four assists this season. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

ODLUM BROWN VANOPEN

Tipsarevic withdraws with injury

On Monday, having just arrived at Hollyburn Country Club to begin his Odlum Brown VanOpen experience, Janko Tipsarevic talked about wanting to play tennis "pain free."

He had been battling through a right knee patella issue and had been hoping the pain would be manageable enough to compete this week.

That won't happen in Vancouver, however, as the 31-year-old Tipsarevic, formerly ranked No. 8 in the world three years ago, pulled out of the VanOpen due to injury.

Initially entered into the hardcourt tournament as a wild card, Tipsarevic was slated to play Farrukh Dustov of Uzbekistan on Tuesday.

Playing in place of Tipsarevic for that match was Mathias Bourque of France.

"It's been a very long time for me outside of the tennis court. I'm feeling the ball very well. I'm playing very good but I'm still having some issue with my body on the court, especially when I'm playing singles," Tipsarevic cautioned on Monday.

Playing at the Rogers Cup earlier this month, Tipsarevic admitted to being "completely doped up on pain medication" in a bid just to compete.

Tipsarevic said he was going to have a light practice session Monday before seeing how his knee felt, but didn't guarantee he'd be ready, saying only that he was "hopeful" he'd be OK to play. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Brooke Henderson receives the customary shower for her first victory on Sunday in Portland. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

LPGA

Ontario's Henderson granted Tour card

Well, that didn't take long.

Just two days after completing a dominant performance in Portland for her first-ever LPGA victory, pulling away from the field by eight strokes by the time it was all over, Canadian teenager Brooke Henderson has been granted immediate LPGA membership, which includes the remainder of this season and the 2016 season, as well.

The announcement came Tuesday from LPGA commissioner Michael Whan, just two days before the CP Women's Open begins at Vancouver Golf Club in Coquitlam. Henderson, who made $195,000 for her win in Portland, is in the field this week, looking for back-to-back wins.

"Brooke truly earned her card, and we are looking forward to Brooke joining our Tour and our family. She is a special player and a wonderful person," said Whan in a statement.

Henderson turns 18 years old next month.

Players 18 years or older can apply for Tour membership, however, players between 15 and 18 years old can be given special permission to apply for membership by petitioning the commissioner, according to the LPGA.

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Henderson moved to No. 17 in the world rankings with her win in Portland.

As of Monday morning, Henderson said she had not fully decided whether or not she would go through with a petition the commissioner for membership for the remainder of the 2015 season.

"After reviewing Brooke Henderson's petition, I have granted her LPGA Tour membership beginning immediately," said Whan.

"Since I was a little girl in Smiths Falls, Ontario, my dream has been to play on the LPGA Tour," said Henderson in a statement. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Blue Jays power past Phillies

MLB

Donaldson's homers help Toronto keep pace with N.Y.

Edwin Encarnacion tags out the Phillies' Cesar Hernandez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Josh Donaldson hit two homers, Edwin Encarnacion also went deep and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-5 Tuesday night.

The AL wild card-leading Blue Jays have won 13 of 15. They remain one game behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees who beat the Minnesota Twins 8-4. The Phillies, who have the worst record in the majors, have lost four straight and five of six after winning 16 of 21 following the all-star break.

Donaldson hit a drive off Aaron Nola into the second deck in left field in the first. His three-run shot in the sixth off Jeanmar Gomez (1-3) gave the Blue Jays a 7-5 lead. A loud group of Jays fans chanted "MVP" as he rounded the bases. Donaldson has 33 homers and leads the majors with 91 RBIs.

Jeff Francoeur hit a solo homer for Philadelphia.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey allowed five runs and nine hits in four-plus innings, becoming the first Jays starter to give up more than three earned runs in 21 games. Liam Hendricks (4-0) pitched out of a jam in the fifth to earn the win. Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances.

Ezequiel Carrera gave the Blue Jays a 3-1 lead on a two-run single with two outs in the third when the bases were loaded.

Cesar Hernandez hit a RBI single with two outs in the bottom half to cut it to 3-2.

The Phillies took a 4-3 lead on Freddy Galvis' RBI triple in the fourth. Cody Asche's RBI single had tied it. Nola gave up three runs and four hits in five innings. He left with a 5-3 lead.

The Jays started their rally off Elvis Araujo. Chris Colabello's RBI single cut it to 5-4. Donaldson's shot off Gomez made it 7-5 and Encarnacion connected for an 8-5 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE **TWO-GOAL PAYOFF IN MANCHESTER** Memphis Depay scores a curving goal to give Manchester United a 2-1 win over Club Brugge on Tuesday in Champions League play at Old Trafford in northwest England. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Persistent Onstad makes HOF

There are many routes to the Hall of Fame, but not many like Pat Onstad's. The six-foot-four, 215-pound goalkeeper from Vancouver didn't get a chance to showcase his skills in Major League Soccer until 35, an age that usually signals the end of an elite career, not the beginning.

For Onstad, it was a chance to shine on a big stage. He went on to win MLS titles in 2003 with San Jose and '06 and '07 with Houston and was named the league's top keeper in 2003 and 2005. He ended up logging 20,076 minutes in 223 regular-season MLS games with 64 shutouts.

"My story is one of perseverance," said Onstad, now 47 and an assistant coach with the Columbus Crew. "I just kept hanging around, kept always giving my best."

Onstad, Jim Brennan and Kara Lang will officially be inducted into Canada's Soccer Hall of Fame on Nov. 8 in Vaughan, Ont.

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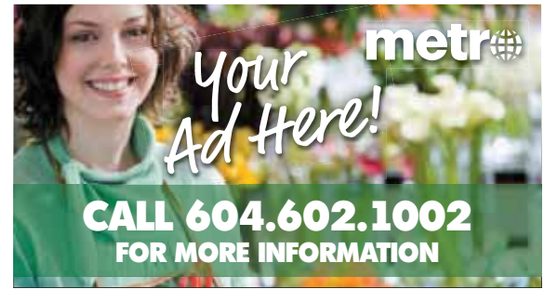

RECIPE Dijon Salmon, Arugula, Orzo Rice and Goat Cheese Salad

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 tsp orange zest
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 12 oz salmon fillet
- 1/2 cup orzo or any small shaped pasta
- 4 cups sugar snap peas
- 8 cups arugula or spinach

Dressing
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 4 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp grated orange zest
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.

Combine zest, mustard and parsley and spread over salmon. Bake salmon, just until cooked to your preference, approximately eight to 12 minutes. Break into small pieces. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in a pot of boiling water, cook orzo just until tender, about six to eight minutes. During the last minute, add peas. Drain and rinse with cold water. Place on large serving platter with arugula.
3. Dressing: Combine dressing ingredients in a small bowl.
4. Add dressing and salmon to salad and gently toss.

Nutrition per serving (serves 4)
- Calories 230
- Protein 19 g
- Carbohydrates 13 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 45 mg
- Sodium 420 mg

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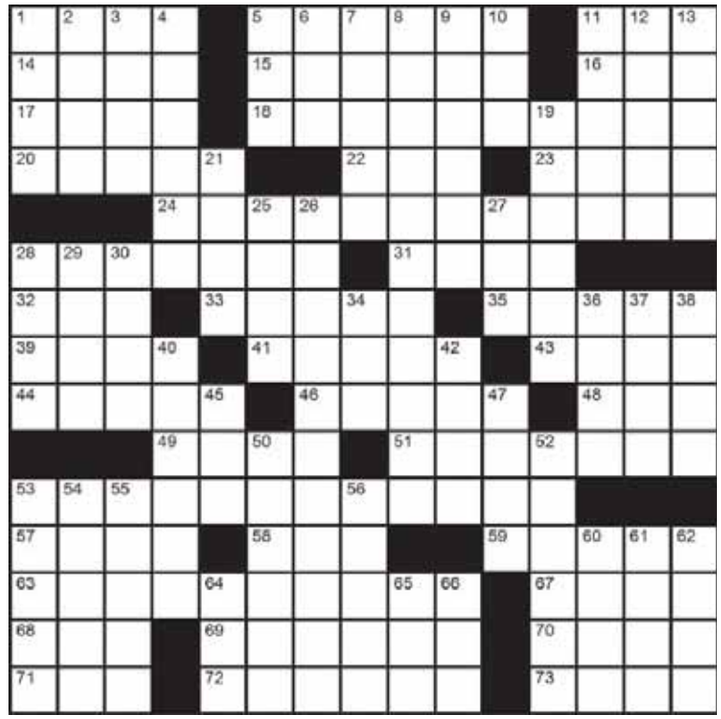
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Pierre's friends
5. Ocean floor
11. "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977) star ...his initials-sharers
14. Volcanic flow
15. Roch Voisine title song lady
16. Liberace's nickname
17. Univ. lecturer
18. Margaret Atwood book which won the Giller Prize in 1996: 2 wds.
20. Nail alternative
22. 6's phone letters
23. Broadway beginning: word + Roman Numeral
24. A blue cuff is featured on it on Facebook: 3 wds.
28. Brand for creators of colourful drawings
31. Positive
32. Clash
33. More rational
35. Pants holder-uppers
39. Comparable
41. "Robert De __ Waiting..." by Bananarama
43. Grim
44. Cover with droplets, as morning grass
46. Might
48. Actress Ms. Leoni
49. Edible root
51. Make strong
53. What 'DIY' means
57. Wistfully sighed phrase: 2 wds.
58. Chairman in The Beatles' "Revolution"
59. Country resort building
63. They're the popular things to jump on
67. Crucifix
68. William to Harry, for short
69. Captivate, variantly
70. Freezer tray's one-of-some
71. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
72. Ornamental tree
73. Character on "The Waltons"

DOWN
1. Snow-peaked mountains
2. Painter Mr. Chagall
3. Welsh composer/actor Mr. Novello
4. Refuge
5. __ Na Na
6. An elver is a young what?
7. Out on __
8. Chop suey ingredients: 2 wds.
9. Spiritualize
10. MBA, e.g.
11. "Wake Me Up" singer Aloe
12. Right-hand page
13. Welcome a client at reception: 2 wds.
19. Brought up
21. "__ That Girl": 1987 Madonna hit
25. Capital of Mongolia, __ Bator
26. Quebec's millions and millions of years old impact crater lake
27. "Coronation Street" hangout
28. Zodiac creature
29. Gardening tool
30. Amongst
34. Suffix with 'Ranch'
36. Baltic country where Vilnius is the cap.
37. Oxygen-giver
38. John and Yoko's musician son
40. Like the captured group of fish
42. Gin flavouring
45. Method
47. Boring
50. Comedian/actor Ray
52. Sensation for an astronaut
53. Part of Fred Flintstone's exclamation!
54. Chicago airport
55. "__ __ sure." (Beats me)
56. Boards
60. Sullen
61. Desert in Mongolia
62. Paradise
64. Network
65. Cacharel perfume
66. Lanka's lead

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be at your fun-loving best today but watch out for people who get their kicks from disrupting other people's enjoyment. Don't get angry because that will only encourage them.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will encounter the kind of problem that would knock lesser mortals for six. But you are not a lesser mortal, you are a Taurus, and you will find a way to handle it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something delightful will happen today. Someone you are close to will do something unexpected to make you feel good. There are still some really nice people in the world.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something will go wrong today, try to be philosophical about it. You should know that life moves in cycles and that whatever you lose you will make up for.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do you focus on chores and duties? Or do you just enjoy yourself? You must make a decision and stick to it. If you try to get the best of both worlds you may end up with neither.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There will be lots of coming and going today and it will be a bit tiring. Chances are you won't get much work done but don't worry — you have no choice but to go with the flow.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The harder you try not to be anxious about something the more it will prey on your mind. There is nothing that can be done about it now, so focus on things that make you smile.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something surprising will happen and although you don't like to be taken unawares on this occasion you won't mind a bit. Any doubts you may have about a loved one's commitment will disappear for good.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Control your tendency to go to extremes, otherwise an accident is likely to occur. An affair of the heart may be going well but if you start acting crazy you may scare them off.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be wary of people who flatter for no good reason. According to the planets there is a lot of intrigue, a lot of planning and plotting behind the scenes. Refuse to get involved.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Just when everything was going right your plans have been thrown into confusion again. It may be frustrating but don't get angry with people who let you down because chances are they are victims too.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Other people may be breaking the rules left, right and center but that is not an excuse for you to follow their example. Keep doing it the right way. There is no need to cut corners.

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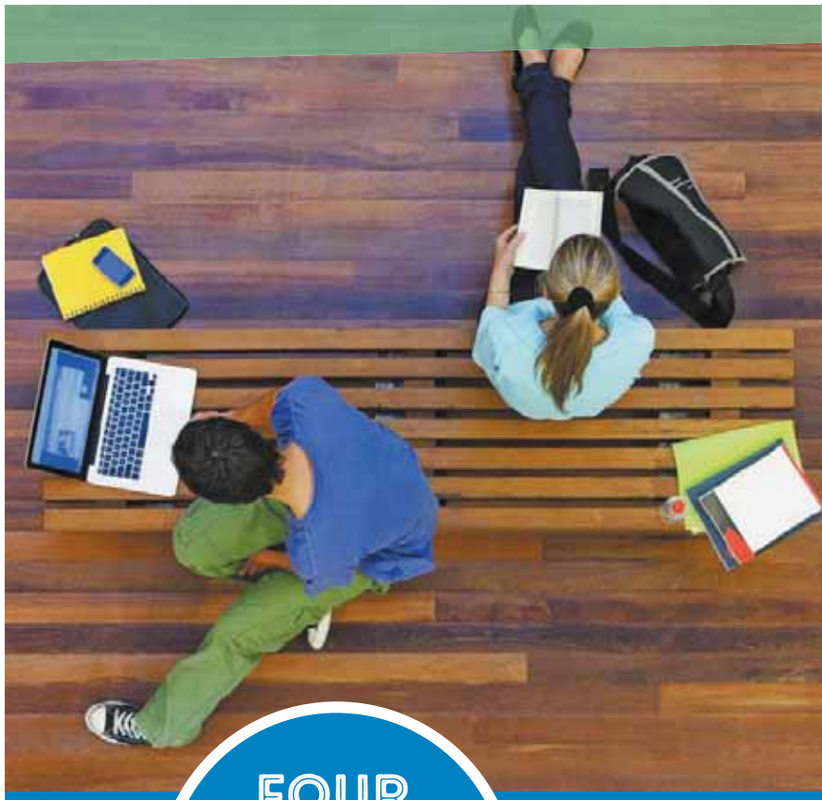

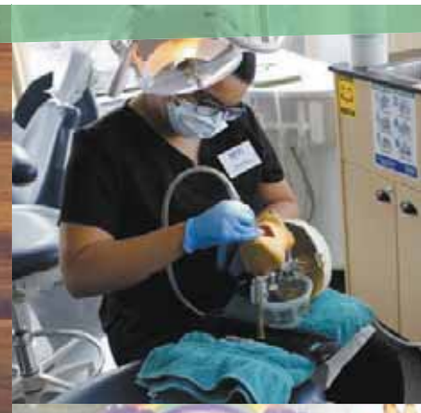

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